

LAKE QUINSIGAMOND COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 26, 2004 minutes

Shrewsbury, Municipal Town Hall

Present: Chairperson Chief A. Wayne Sampson; Melvin Gordon; Cpt. Ashe; Nicholas Pepper; Arthur LeDoux; Tristan Lundgren; Kenneth Polito; Michael Paika;

Absent: John Wilson;

Meeting convened at 7:04 p.m.

Approve minutes of April 28, 2004 meeting, Change on printing invoice- was \$437.05

Motion to approve, seconded and unanimous accepted

Bills and expenses- none

Commissioner's reports:

Cpt. Ashe: Worcester Boat House door is contracted for work beginning next week

The Worcester boat will be launched next week

K.Polito- no report

M.Gordon- Treasurer report-\$1,821.25.

\$5885.00 additional for docks, plates. Processed: 172 residential docks and 20 commercial docks to date.

A.LeDoux: no report

T.Lundgren: 271 Lake Ave hearing was closed and Order of Conditions to be issued shortly

N.Pepper: Dock stickers to be dispersed shortly. All notifications have been sent out and waiting for replies. Reminder –please complete and return the full application.

M.Paika: All dock information may be obtained at the Shrewsbury Police Department, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-4:30pm.

b. Noticed kivers washed up on shore (pollen is toxic to them) happens this time every year.

c. City of Worcester upcoming July 4th fireworks, reminder for boaters to conduct themselves safely

Chief Sampson- Construction of the Shrewsbury Police Boat House on S. Quinsigamond Avenue – Work to be completed by end of July.

b. Letter from Angella Snell, Director of Parks & Recreation- the State of Massachusetts Public Access Board has received funding for \$100,000 for renovation of the Corrizzini Boat Ramp. Project will extend existing ramp, installing new docks and making the facility handicap accessible. Work expected to start this spring or summer. Additional information will be posted at the ramp, local newspapers, and local cable. Chairman will inquire if any closings of the ramp are expected.

c. Document received from Nancy Allen.- Draft quality assurance project plan for Lake Quinsigamond and Lake Ripple restoration project required by the 319 grant. Submitted copy to be reviewed next several weeks

d. Received public criticism on removal of stop logs behind Sears Plaza, to allow boat passage. Logs will be removed on May 28th.

e. Congress of Lakes & Ponds will hold its annual meeting on June 5th, at 9:00am at Regatta Point. Interested parties encouraged to attend.

N.Pepper: Requesting marker buoys to be re-located (total of 7) Cpt. Ashe to contact officer Janeros. One floated thru dam and is at Forrest Avenue address.

Chief Sampson inquired if anyone has updated depth maps of Lake Quinsigamond, has received several complaints regarding damaged boats. Cpt. Ashe- will inquire with the Department of Natural Resources in Boylston. The public needs a map to ensure safety.

7:15pm Hearing Fifth Avenue boat dock- both parties in attendance

Mrs. Hamilton of #7 Fifth Avenue has submitted application for boat dock.

Inspection by Commissioners Gordon and Polito and reports two issues: Measured old dock which was over 300 sq.feet. The newer metal dock does not allow abutting neighbors to put a boat on the common side. (too close) The second dock never received an application or inspection and is a rental dock

Chief Sampson, received call from Ms. Hamilton and reviewed same day. Measured dock as 20x20 or 400 sq.feet and was asked to measure other abutter docks which was done and met the LQC dock regulations.

Mrs. Hamilton- asked for a waiver to build a larger dock (built for wheelchair accessibility).

Followed by commissioner discussions, and tabled its vote until next month.

Need specific facts before making any decision that would create a precedent. This is the first issue for ADA boat dock and will discuss with Shrewsbury Disabilities Commission and review Chapter 91 regulations. Check with ADA- need all information and guidance, agreed to allow homeowner to use existing dock.

Second issue- request for a new dock. Ms. Hamilton stated it will be taken out next week, by June 2nd.

Will continue hearing to next month

7:30pm Public Hearing- discussion Safety Personal watercraft

Chief Sampson: This hearing is not to ban personal watercraft, rather a discussion on **safety** with possible regulations at a future date

Discussed changing speed limit, create brochure, population issue, limitation of pwc, increase fees at ramp, enforcement at Brownie Beach. **Need to educate and enforce**

Motion to adjourn at 8:30pm, seconded and unanimous.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23, 2004 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

K. Hemmerdinger